

imminently fair, and I think it is a mistake to even speak in terms of trying to figure how to placate the NCAA when we know that these aid programs are put in place to help students, not to placate the NCAA. Either our students mean something to us or they don't. Either education is more important than athletics or it is not, and we will have to adopt the attitude of one of those former...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...presidents of the University of Oklahoma where he said he wants a school that the football team can be proud of. I have a comment I want to read that Mr. Langemeier made after his experience. He said after being made to choose between the scholarship and the football team, "The whole system is hypocritical. When you first come here, the university and the NCAA preach that academics come first. By putting in a ruling like this, they put a person down because of good academics. I thought they called us student athletes, not athlete students. Who are we supposed to be concerned about, the student and his welfare, or the university. Universities exist for the students, not the other way around. I hope that despite Senator Hefner's concerns that he expressed, we will see to the heart of the matter and perceive this as a matter of equity and advance this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think I understand it right but maybe Senator Chambers can answer another question. Say that I go to a university and I am on a need-based scholarship. I want to try out for an athletic team, I am a walk-on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Then I would lose this need-based scholarship funds at that time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you make the varsity, you have to choose, right, between playing, staying with the team, or giving up your aid. You can't have both, that's the way it is now. You'd have to give up the aid.

SENATOR HARTNETT: But when is the aid...I have to make the